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### Instructions

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(1). (a). Define the scalar Triple product of three vectors  $\underline{a}$  ,  $\underline{b}$  and  $\underline{c}$ .

(i) What is the geometrical interpretation of the scalar triple product of the vectors  $\underline{a}$ ,  $\underline{b}$  and  $\underline{c}$  ?

(ii). Find the volume of the parallelepiped whose coterminal edges are represented by  $\underline{a} = 2\underline{i} - 3\underline{j} + 4\underline{k}$ ,  $\underline{b} = \underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - \underline{k}$  and

$$\underline{c} = 3\underline{i} - \underline{j} + 2\underline{k}.$$

(iii). Show that the vectors  $\underline{a} - 2\underline{b} + 3\underline{c}$  ,  $-2\underline{a} + 3\underline{b} - 4\underline{c}$  and

$$\underline{a} - 3\underline{b} + 5\underline{c}$$
 are coplanar.

Where  $\underline{a}$  ,  $\underline{b}$  and  $\underline{c}$  are three non-coplanar vectors.

(b). Let  $\underline{a}$ ,  $\underline{b}$  and  $\underline{c}$  be any non zero vectors

(i). Prove that  $\underline{a} \times (\underline{b} \times \underline{c}) = (\underline{a} \cdot \underline{c}) \underline{b} - (\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}) \underline{c}$

(ii). Using the above result, find the solution of following;

[A]  $\underline{i} \times (\underline{a} \cdot \underline{i}) + \underline{j} \times (\underline{a} \cdot \underline{j}) + \underline{k} \times (\underline{a} \cdot \underline{k})$

[B]  $\underline{a} \times (\underline{b} \times \underline{c}) + \underline{b} \times (\underline{c} \times \underline{a}) + \underline{c} \times (\underline{a} \times \underline{b})$

(2). (a). Consider the following figure, where  $\overrightarrow{OA} = \underline{a}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{OC} = 3\underline{a}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{OB} = \underline{b}$ . M is the mid-point of BC.

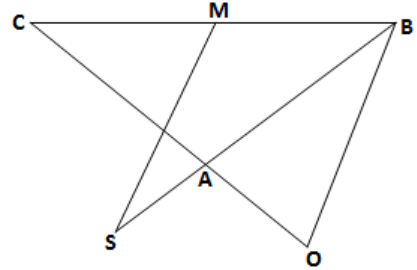
(i). Express  $\overrightarrow{OM}$  and  $\overrightarrow{CB}$  in terms of  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$ .

(ii). Express  $\overrightarrow{MB}$  in terms of  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$ .

(iii). If S lies on BA produced such that  $\overrightarrow{BS} = k \overrightarrow{BA}$ ,

express  $\overrightarrow{MS}$  in terms of  $\underline{a}$ ,  $\underline{b}$  and  $k$ .

(iv). Find the value of  $k$  if  $\overrightarrow{MS}$  is parallel to  $\overrightarrow{BO}$ .



(b). Let  $OPQ$  be a triangle and let  $X$  and  $Y$  be the mid-points of  $OP$  and  $OQ$  respectively.  $Z$  is the point of intersection of  $XQ$  and  $YP$ .

If  $\overrightarrow{OP} = \underline{p}$  and  $\overrightarrow{OQ} = \underline{q}$ , show that the position vector of  $Z$  with respect to the origin  $O$  is  $\frac{1}{3} \underline{p} + \underline{q}$ .

(3). (a). Define the vector products  $\underline{a} \times \underline{b}$  of two non-zero vectors  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$ .

(b). Evaluate the following :

(i) 
$$\frac{|\underline{a} \times \underline{b}|^2 + |\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}|^2}{|\underline{a}|^2 |\underline{b}|^2}$$

(ii) 
$$\underline{a} \cdot [\underline{b} \times (\underline{a} - \underline{b})]$$

- (c).  $Oxyz$  is a system of right handed rectangular Cartesian co-ordinates and  $\underline{i}$ ,  $\underline{j}$ ,  $\underline{k}$  are unit vectors along the positive directions of  $Ox$ ,  $Oy$ ,  $Oz$  axis, respectively.

The position vectors of the points  $P, Q, R$  with respect to the origin  $O$  are

$$\underline{p} = 2\underline{i} - 3\underline{j} + \underline{k}, \quad \underline{q} = \underline{i} - \underline{j} + 2\underline{k} \text{ and } \underline{r} = x\underline{i} + y\underline{j} + z\underline{k} \text{ respectively.}$$

If  $\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR} = \overrightarrow{OR}$ , find  $|\underline{r}|$  and the position vectors  $\underline{s}$  of the point  $S$  such that  $PQRS$  is a parallelogram.

Deduce the area of the parallelogram  $PQRS$ .

- (4). (a). For what real values of  $\lambda$  is the matrix  $A$  invertible?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 - \lambda & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Show that the only real value of  $k$ , for which the following equation have non-zero solutions is 6.

$$x + 2y + 3z = kx \quad ; \quad 3x + y + 2z = ky \quad ; \quad 2x + 3y + z = kz$$

- (c) Consider the system of linear equations

$$x + y = 2 \quad ; \quad x + (2 - \lambda)y + z = 2 \quad ; \quad 2\lambda y + \cos \lambda z = 3$$

Where  $\lambda$  is a parameter. Prove that system is inconsistent when

$$\lambda(\cos \lambda + 2) = \cos \lambda. \text{ Find the solution when } \lambda = 0.$$

- (5). (a). Given that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  prove that  $A^3 - 4A - I = 0$  where  $I$  is the unit matrix and  $0$  is the null matrix of order 3.

- (b). Show that the values of  $\lambda$  which satisfy the equation  $[A - \lambda I] = 0$  are 1, 3 and -2 where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c). For which rational numbers  $a$  and  $b$  does the following system have

(i). No solution? (ii). A unique solution? (iii). Infinitely many solution?

$$x - 2y + 3z = 4$$

$$2x - 3y + az = 5$$

$$3x - 4y + 5z = b$$

(6). (a) If  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & bc & bc(b+c) \\ 1 & cd & cu(c+1) \\ 1 & ab & ab(a+b) \end{vmatrix}$  using row or column operations,

show that  $\Delta = abc \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & b+c \\ b & 1 & c+a \\ c & 1 & a+b \end{vmatrix}$

(b) Find the values of  $p$  for which the following system of linear equations has non-trivial solution

$$3x + y + z = px$$

$$x + 3y + z = py$$

$$x + y + 3z = pz$$

(c). Show that there is only one value for  $k$ , for which the following system of equations has a non trivial solution.

$$2x + y - z = 0$$

$$(k-2)x + ky - 2z = 0$$

$$6x + 3y + (k-1)z = 0$$

(1). Solve the following differential equations

(a).  $\cos y + (1 + e^{-x}) \sin y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  given that  $y = \frac{\pi}{4}$  when  $x = 0$

(b).  $x^2(y + 1) + y^2(x - 1) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

(c).  $(xy + y^2) + (x^2 - xy) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

(d).  $(x^3 + 3xy^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = y^3 + 3x^2y$

(e).  $(x - y - 1) + (4y + x - 1) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

(2). Solve the following differential equations

(a).  $(1 + x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} + 3xy = 5x$ , given that  $y = 2$ , when  $x = 1$

(b).  $\frac{dy}{dx} + y \cot x = 5e^{\cos x}$ , given that  $y = -4$ , when  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

(3) (a) For a horizontal cantilever of length  $l$ , with load  $\omega$  per unit length,

the equation of bending is

$$EI \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\omega}{2} (l - x)^2 \text{ where } E, I, \omega \text{ and } l \text{ are constants.}$$

If  $y = 0$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  at  $x = 0$ , find  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

Hence find the value of  $y$  when  $x = l$ .

(b) The equation of motion of a body performing damped forced vibrations is

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 5 \frac{dx}{dt} + 6x = \cos t$$

Solve this equation, given that  $x = 0.1$  and  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$  when  $t = 0$ .

Write the Steady – State solution in the form  $K \sin(t + a)$

- (4). (a). Starting from  $y_1 = Ey_0$  construct the Newton's forward difference formula.  
 (b). Considering the function  $y(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , find the missing values in the following table.

| $x$  | $y$     | $\Delta y$ | $\Delta^2 y$ | $\Delta^3 y$ | $\Delta^4 y$ | $\Delta^5 y$ | $\Delta^6 y$ |
|------|---------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.00 | .....   |            |              |              |              |              |              |
|      |         | .....      |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1.05 | .....   |            | -0.00059     |              |              |              |              |
|      |         | 0.02411    |              | .....        |              |              |              |
| 1.10 | .....   |            | .....        |              | -0.00002     |              |              |
|      |         | .....      |              | .....        |              | 0.00003      |              |
| 1.15 | .....   |            | .....        |              | .....        |              | -0.00006     |
|      |         | .....      |              | .....        |              | -0.00003     |              |
| 1.20 | .....   |            | .....        |              | .....        |              |              |
|      |         | .....      |              | 0.00002      |              |              |              |
| 1.25 | .....   |            | .....        |              |              |              |              |
|      |         | .....      |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1.30 | 1.14017 |            |              |              |              |              |              |

- (c). Find the value of  $\sqrt{1.28}$  using suitable difference formula
- (5). (a). Construct the Lagrange interpolation polynomial  $f(x)$  of fifth degree for the data given below. Hence approximate  $f(1998)$ :

| $i$            | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| $x_i$          | 1980 | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 | 2000 | 2005 |
| $y_i = f(x_i)$ | 440  | 510  | 525  | 571  | 500  | 600  |

- (b). (i). Write down the general form of the Trapezoidal rule.  
 (ii). The acceleration of a rocket launched at time  $t = 0$  from rest from the ground is measured and tabulated below.

|                                   |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Time (s)                          | 0    | 20   | 40   | 60   |
| Acceleration ( $\text{ms}^{-2}$ ) | 57.5 | 59.0 | 63.8 | 67.2 |

Use Trapezoidal rule to find the speed of the rocket after 60s.

- (6). (a). Write down Simpson's rule to evaluate approximate value for the integral

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx .$$

- (b). The values of the function  $f(x)$  are tabulated as follows.

|        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| $x$    | 0.0    | 0.2    | 0.4    | 0.6    | 0.8    |
| $f(x)$ | 0.0000 | 0.1679 | 0.2955 | 0.4118 | 0.5460 |

Use Simpson's rule to evaluate the following integrals,

$$(i) \int_0^{0.8} (1+x)^2 f(x) dx$$

$$(ii) \int_0^{0.8} [f(x)]^2 dx$$

correct to four decimal places.

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- (1). Consider the following functions

$$(a). y = \frac{x^2 - x}{x+1} ; x \neq -1$$

$$(b). y^2 = \frac{x}{x-2} ; x \neq 2$$

$$(c). y = \frac{x^2 - x - 12}{x+2} ; x \neq -2$$

- (i). Write down the horizontal, vertical and slant asymptotes of the graphs of  $y = f(x)$ .
- (ii). Find the sign of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  as  $x$  varies and draw the graphs of  $y = f(x)$ .

(2). Evaluate the following limits

- (a).  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 16}{x^2 + x - 20}$   
 (b).  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^5 - 2x^3 - 4x^2 + 9x - 4}{x^4 - 2x^3 + 2x - 1}$   
 (c).  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - x}{x^3}$   
 (d).  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{ax} - e^{-ax}}{\log_e[1 + bx]}$   
 (e).  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - e^{-x} - 2x}{x - \sin x}$

(3). (a). If  $z = f(x + ay) + F(x - ay)$ , find  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$  and

hence prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$

(b). If  $z = e^{k(r-x)}$ , where  $k$  is a constant and  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$  prove.

- (i).  $\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)^2 + 2zk \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$   
 (ii).  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} + 2k \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{kz}{r}$

(c). If  $z = f(x - 2y) + F(3x + y)$ , where  $f$  and  $F$  are arbitrary functions, and if

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + a \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + b \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

(4). (a). If  $z = f(x, y)$  where  $x = e^u \cos v$ ,  $y = e^u \sin v$ , show that

$$\left[\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{\partial z}{\partial v}\right]^2 = e^{2u} \left[\left[\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right]^2\right]$$

(b). If  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{y^2 - x^2} \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{y} + \frac{x^2 - y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$ , show that

$$x \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right] + y \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right] + z \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}\right] = f(x, y)$$



- (5). (a). Find the equations of the straight line perpendicular to both the lines

$$\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$$

and  $x + 2y - 3z = 0 = 2x - y - z - 6$

and passing through their point of intersection.

- (b). (i). Find the equation of the plane through the line

$$\frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y+6}{4} = \frac{z+1}{2}$$

and parallel to

$$\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-1}{-3} = \frac{z+4}{5}$$

- (ii). Show that the point  $(2, 1, -4)$  lies on the above plane.

- (6). (a). Find the equations of the straight line perpendicular to both the lines

$$\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z-2}{3}$$

and

$$\frac{x+2}{2} = \frac{y-5}{-1} = \frac{z+3}{2}$$

and passing through their point of intersection.

- (b). Prove that the straight line

$$\frac{x-4}{3} = \frac{y-1}{2} = z-3$$

intersects the line of intersection of the planes

$$x + y + 2z = 4 \text{ and } 3x - 2y - z = 3$$

and find the equation of the plane which contains the two lines

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- (1). (a). Let  $z_1, z_2$  be two non-zero complex numbers. Prove that

$$\arg\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) = \arg(z_1) - \arg(z_2)$$

Let  $z_1 = -1 + i$  and  $z_2 = 1 + \sqrt{3}i$ . Find  $\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)$  and  $\operatorname{Im}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)$ .

Express  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  in the form  $r(\cos \theta) + i \sin \theta$ ,

where  $r > 0$  and  $0 < \theta < \pi$ .

Deduce that  $\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{12}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}{4}$ .

- (b). Find all the complex numbers  $z$  such that  $\arg\left(\frac{z-1}{z+1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and

$$\arg(z-1)(z+1) = \pi.$$

- (2). (a). Let  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  be complex numbers. Show that in the usual notation that

$$|z_1 - z_2|^2 = |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(z_1 \overline{z_2})$$

Let  $P_1, P_2$  and  $P_3$  be the points in the Argand diagram representing the complex numbers  $z_1, z_2$  and  $z_3$  respectively.

If  $z_1 + z_2 + z_3 = 0$  and  $|z_1| = |z_2| = |z_3| = 1$ , deduce that the triangle  $P_1P_2P_3$  is equilateral.

- (b). Prove that, if  $\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z-2i}{z+4}\right) = 0$  then the locus of  $z$  is a circle with radius  $\sqrt{5}$ .

Find its centre

If  $\operatorname{Im}\left(\frac{z-2i}{z+4}\right) = 0$  find the least value of  $|z-1|$ .

(3). (a). Prove that

(i).  $|Re\ z| \leq |z|$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and

(ii).  $|z_1 + z_2|^2 = |z_1|^2 + 2 Re(z_1 \bar{z}_2) + |z_2|^2$  for all  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Hence, prove that

(iii).  $|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$  and

(iv).  $|z_1 - z_2| \geq ||z_1| - |z_2||$  for all  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ .

(b). Show that if  $|z| = 1$  then  $\left| \frac{z+1}{z^2+z-6} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ .

(4). (a). State De Moivre's Theorem for a positive integral index.

(i). Using De Moivre's Theorem, show that

$$\frac{\cos 4\theta}{\cos^4 \theta} = 1 - 6 \tan^2 \theta + \tan^4 \theta$$

for  $\theta \in \mathbb{R} - \left\{ (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} : n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ .

Hence obtain the value of  $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right)$

(ii). Express  $\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3} + i)$  in the form  $\cos\theta + i \sin\theta$ , where  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  and hence find the value of  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+i}{2}\right)^{2011}$ .

(b). Find the fifth roots of -1 and hence, by considering the solution of the equation

$$z^5 + 1 = 0, \text{ prove that } \cos \frac{3\pi}{5} + \cos \frac{\pi}{5} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

(5). (a). There are two modes of transporting material from Colombo to a city in the south, namely, by land or sea. Land transportation may be by rail or highway. About 70% of the material is transported by land and the rest is transported by sea. Also 60% of all land transportation is by highway and the rest by rail. The percentages of damaged cargo are 10 % by highway, 6 % by rail and 5% by sea.

(i) What percentage of the total cargo may be expected to be damaged?

(ii) If a damaged cargo is received what is the probability that it was shipped by

(A) Land?

(B) Sea?

(C) Rail?

(b). Suppose that  $Y$  possesses the density function

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} cy; & 0 \leq y \leq 2 \\ 0; & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

(i) Find the value of  $c$  that makes  $f(y)$  a probability density function.

(ii) Find the cumulative distribution function  $F(y)$ .

(iii) Graph of  $f(y)$  and  $F(y)$ .

(iv) Find  $E(y)$  and  $V(y)$ .

(6). (a). In testing the lethal concentration of a chemical found in polluted water it is found that a certain concentration will kill 20% of the fish that are subjected to it for 24 hours. If 20 fish are placed in a tank containing this concentration of chemical, find the probability that after 24 hours,

(i) exactly 14 survive

(ii) at least 10 survive

(iii) at most 16 survive

(b). In a particular department store customers arrive at a checkout counter according to a Poisson distribution at an average of seven per hour. During a given hour, what are the probabilities?

(i) that no more than three customers arrive?

(ii) that at least two customers arrive?

(iii) that exactly five customers arrive?